

JOINT BOARD MEETING
Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Geologists,
Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors
MINUTES
MADISON, WISCONSIN
APRIL 13, 2000

PRESENT: Dennis Cerreta, James Dorn, Lynda Farrar, Jay Fernholz, Ruth G. Johnson, Harold Kolb, David Mickelson, Rick Rettler, Roger Roslansky, James Rusch, Donna Rozar, Lisa Stark, Karen Sathoff, Harvey Shebesta and Rick Van Goethem

EXCUSED: Bernie Abrahamson, Teresa Adler, Fred Birts, Bruce Carlson, Thomas Evans, Dean Field, Robert Hoskins, Karen Kalishek, Clint McCullough, Terry Richard, and Nancy Sobczak

STAFF PRESENT: Alfred Hall Jr., Bill Dusso, and Jan Neitzel

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Jay Fernholz, Chair. A quorum of 15 members was present.

QUORUM

MOTION: Donna Rozar moved, seconded by Jim Dorn, to declare 15 members are present and that there is a quorum. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA

MOTION: Jim Rusch moved, seconded by Donna Rozar, to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES (11/12/99)

Three changes were made in the 11/12/99 minutes.

1. James Dorn was present at the meeting.
2. The Joint Board will meet April 13, 2000.
3. In Legislative Update Section 3a, repealing s. 443.07(1)(b), Stats. Experience Requirement For Designers, remove from the motion "except when applying by reciprocity."

MOTION: Roger Roslansky moved, seconded by Jim Rusch, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Secretary Cummings' Report

Secretary Cummings introduced the new Deputy Secretary, Bill Conway. He comes to the department with a mixed amount of managerial experience.

Secretary Cummings stated that a New Board Member Workshop will be held July 13-14, 2000. The meeting July 13 will be at the Department of Regulation and Licensing and the meeting July 14 will be held at the Howard Johnson's Hotel on campus. All board members are invited to attend.

Bureau Director's Report

- 2000 Meeting Dates/Board Roster

Mr. Hall reported that under s. 15.045 (2) (a), Wis. Stats., the Joint Board is required to meet twice annually. At each of these meetings the Division of Enforcement will have a case summary report for all of the sections.

- Regulatory Digest Draft

Mr. Hall indicated that an article on ethical issues will be in the next issue of the Regulatory Digest.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

AB 687 Relating to the Practice of Land Surveying and Granting Rule Making Authority

Jim Rusch stated that AB would replace "land surveyors." with "professional land surveyors."

Mr. Hall stated that the legislative session ended with AB 687 not passing in the Senate, the bill died this session and will need to be resurrected next session after January 1, 2001.

Mr. Rusch reported the Society of Land Surveyors will try to have AB687 passed in the next Legislative Session.

Creating Requirement of Landscape Architect Candidates Taking Barrier-Free Examination

Jay Fernholz explained that landscape architects who are requesting reciprocity need to take the barrier-free exam if they have been grandfathered or have not taken the L.A.R.E. exam. The examination tests the minimum competency knowledge of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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Repealing s. 443.07(1)(b), Stats. Experience Requirement for Designers

Mr. Fernholz stated that the repeal of s. 443.07(1)(b), Stats., would eliminate the experience requirement for designers.

Revising s. 443.04(1)(d), Stats., To Include Passing the National Examination as a Requirement for Professional Engineer Registration

Harvey Shebesta reported that s. 443.04(1)(d), Stats., permits licensure on the basis of a diploma and 8 years of experience. The Engineer Board would like to change this rule to mandate that

everyone who wants to become a registered professional engineer take the fundamentals exam, the barrier-free exam, and the principles and practice of engineering exam.

The Board discussed the proposed changes to s. 443.09(4), Stats., which include removal of “as an architect or,” “except an applicant who satisfies s. 443.04(1)(d)” and to remove the entire sentence “failure to pass an examination under this section or under any order of the examining board shall not be a bar to registration under s. 443.04(1)(d).”

Proposed Design-Build Legislation

Alfred Hall reported he talked with Bill Babcock and no progress has been made in the Legislature relating to the design-build legislation. It will be re-submitted in the next legislative session.

Alfred Hall will have information on the Architect Section legislation for the next Section meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Rules Committee Report

Alfred Hall reported that there was no public attendance at the public hearing on April 12, 2000, at 1:30 p.m., relating to use of registration seals, experience requirements for professional engineers, and educational requirements for land surveyors. Written comments will be accepted until April 28, 2000.

Jay Fernholz reported on the main items discussed at the Joint Board Rules Committee on April 12, 2000.

1. Work done by an architect or engineer who cannot finish the plan. The Committee agreed that the language in the rules is consistent with the intent of the Board-if the original plan stamper cannot finish the plan, a second person may continue work on that same plan, assuming all liability for the entire plan.
2. Experience for professional engineers. The Rules Committee approved the degree plus experience requirement. It would require that experience must be accomplished within the past 10 years, the experience only requirement must be accomplished within the past 15 years.
3. The Committee approved the changes in the education requirements for land surveyors changing the requirements to 2 years of education and 4 years of experience or 4 years of education and 2 years experience. The education requirements will become effective July 1, 2000, and will be required to take the land surveyors exam.

PRACTICE ISSUES

What Constitutes “Plan Stamping?”

The Board raised several questions relating to plan stamping.

1. Can a person use another person’s stamp?
2. What are the qualifications to plan stamp?
3. What is the definition of resident?

4. What is the definition of responsible?
5. Is the plan stamper accepting responsibility for what he or she is stamping?
6. What happens when the first plan stamper cannot complete the plan?

Donna Rozar referenced Chapter A-E 8 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code to help answer some of these questions.

Alfred Hall will have an article in the next Regulatory Digest relating to initial plan stamping.

EXAMINATIONS

Nothing to report.

SECTION ACTIVITY REPORTS

Architects

Roger Roslansky reported that he attended the Regional meeting in Annapolis. The following items were discussed:

1. California and Virginia tried electronic plan stamping and have stopped because it was not secure. These states are working on improving the security.
2. The fourth NCARB Triennial Section Chairs meeting discussed the following: the computer test, helping states, practice analysis, continuing education, the National Institute of Architecture (NIA) requirement for continuing education, and the Intern Development Program (IDP) requirements in Wisconsin.
3. Beginning in July of 2000 architects cannot get a national certificate without having a degree from an accredited school.

Roger Roslansky reported that there are 3600 out-of-state architects and 1200 resident architects registered in Wisconsin.

Alfred Hall will supply the statistics for the engineers, designers, landscape architects and land surveyors at the November 9, 2000, meeting.

Mr. Roslansky discussed a title for architects who are in training.

Designers

Jim Dorn reported that at the January 20, 2000, meeting the Section elected Jim Dorn as Chair, Donna Rozar as vice-Chair, and Dean Field as Secretary.

Mr. Dorn reported the proposed legislation reducing experience from 8 years to 6 years, obtaining a permit by experience only with a proposed increase from 2 years to 3 years of experience, and crediting academic work experience without graduating, needs to be submitted in the next legislative session.

Land Surveyors

Rick Van Goethem reported that the Land Surveyor Section met February 3, 2000, and elected officers on March 10, 2000, the Section held a telephone conference for a disciplinary action.

Jim Rusch reported that Harvey Shebesta and himself attended the National NCEES meeting in Buffalo, where computer tests were discussed.

Mr. Rusch and Mr. Shebesta will attend the annual NCEES meeting August 2-5, 2000, in Chicago, Illinois.

Landscape Architects

Jay Fernholz reported the landscape Architect Section re-elected Jay Fernholz as Chair, Rick Rettler as Vice-Chair, and Ruth G. Johnson as Secretary.

Jay Fernholz spoke at the annual student architect meeting, LA Bash, March 4, 2000.

Professional Engineers

Harvey Shebesta will attend the Central Zone meeting of NCEES on May 4-6, 2000, in Dearborn, Michigan and the annual NCEES meeting August 2-5, 2000, in Chicago, Illinois.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Rick Rettler moved, seconded by Jim Dorn, to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.